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Rep. Doyle Statement on Drug-Testing Legislation

MADISON – State Representative Steve Doyle (D-Onalaska) released the following statement today after the Assembly passed legislation requiring drug-testing for welfare recipients.

“We’ve seen other states enact legislation like this and it has only cost them hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees,” said Doyle. “For example, Florida’s law was tied up in court since it was introduced and was recently declared unconstitutional. Statistics from the states of Utah and Mississippi show that it would cost our state between \$131,034 and \$1.9 million per person found to be on drugs. At a time when we are struggling to fund some of the most basic programs in our state like K-12 education, we shouldn’t be diverting money towards a proposal that is only going to end up in court.”

“We are facing an economic crisis right now in Wisconsin after last week’s announcement that there would be no new revenue coming into the budget,” said Doyle. “Educating our children should be our priority. We should not be diverting our limited tax dollars from our schools to advancing a partisan agenda.”

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